Speed Hump Policy

Speed Humps will be installed only on local residential streets. Speed Humps will be 3 inches to 3 1/2 inches in height and 12 feet long. The Institute of Transportation Engineers "Guidelines for the Design and Application of Speed Humps" will be the primary guideline for the proper installation of speed humps.

Advance Speed Control Humps sign with appropriate advisory speed signs will be installed for streets or areas that have speed humps. White pavement markings will be installed on speed humps for better visibility.

Speed Humps will not be installed on the following streets:

- Arterial streets (Ridge, Asbury, Central, Dempster, etc.),
- Collector streets (Central Park, McDaniel, Noyes from Greenbay to Sheridan, Custer from Main to Howard, Lake from Sherman to Dodge, etc.),
- Distributor streets (downtown streets like Benson, Davis, Maple, etc.),
- Truck routes (Greenleaf from Hinman to Hartrey, Hartrey from Dempster to Oakton, etc.),
- Streets adjacent to Hospitals (Girard north of Central, Austin east of Ridge, etc.),
- CTA/PACE Bus Routes (Grant east of Crawford, etc.),
- Snow Routes,
- Emergency Response Routes as designated by the Fire Department,
- Dead-end blocks of local residential streets,
- Streets deemed inappropriate for speed humps as determined by the Director of Public Works based on the recommendation of the Traffic Engineer.

Residents can request speed humps either through a neighborhood meeting where the Ward Alderman and/or Traffic Engineering Staff are present or through a petition to the Division of Transportation. A postcard survey of all residents who will be directly impacted by the installation of the speed humps will be required. Of those that respond, a majority in favor of installing will be required for further consideration. The local ward Alderman will make the final decision on whether to proceed based on the results of the survey. All speed humps will be permanent - no trial speed humps will be considered.

Speed humps will be installed on the basis of the date of request and will follow in chronological order until funds are no longer available to do so. Streets/areas that do not get humps installed in that calendar year due to lack of funds will be installed the next calendar year.

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